



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: August 14, 2018

CC: P. Privitera; V. Riddick

Subject: Resolution (Hart) to Carry Forward and Appropriate Funds Awarded to the Town of West Hartford under the Federal Highway Safety Program for the Purpose of Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement. (195)

Background: The Town applied for and was awarded grant funds to provide a Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program. This is a federal grant program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Funding was appropriated in FY 2018, but a balance of \$20,267 remains and is eligible for use in FY 2019. Staff is seeking Council approval to carry the funds into the new fiscal year.

Operational Impact: The goal of the program is to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities caused by driver distraction, especially those caused by hand held mobile phone use. The Police Department would use the funding in order to provide increased enforcement, especially high visibility enforcement, of Connecticut's hand held mobile phone ban for drivers in areas identified to have high rates of fatal and injury crashes.

Financial Impact: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2019 budget of the General Fund. Unused grant funds totaling \$20,267 as of June 30, 2018 would be carried forward to FY 2019. Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$20,267 with a corresponding appropriation for overtime in the Police Department to conduct distracted driving high visibility enforcement activities.

Legal Review: Corporation Counsel's office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period is April 2, 2018 through August 15, 2018.

Recommendation: In order to carry over the grant funds for use during the new fiscal year, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO CARRY FORWARD AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS AWARDED TO
THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY
PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING HIGH VISIBILITY
ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded Federal Funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program (Federal Aid Project 2018-405e-2, State Project 0198-0745-2-BB) in the amount of \$59,800 to provide Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement from April 2, 2018 through August 15, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from crashes caused by driver distraction, especially those caused by hand held mobile phone use, and

WHEREAS, this goal can be reached through increasing enforcement, especially high visibility enforcement of Connecticut's hand held mobile phone ban for drivers in areas identified to have high rates of fatal and injury crashes, and

WHEREAS, these funds were appropriated in the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund budget but were not fully expended, and

WHEREAS, per the terms of the grant award these funds can be carried forward to fiscal year 2018-2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford desires to utilize such carry-forward funds for extra enforcement activities in accordance with both Federal and State regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD THAT unexpended grant funds under the Federal Highway Safety Program are appropriated for the purpose of distracted driving high visibility enforcement activities in accordance with the terms of the grant, and the fiscal year 2018-2019 General Fund budget is amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue

01-220402-20101-9070	Federal Grant Revenue	\$20,267
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Increase Appropriations

01-220402-20101-1010	Overtime	\$20,267
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